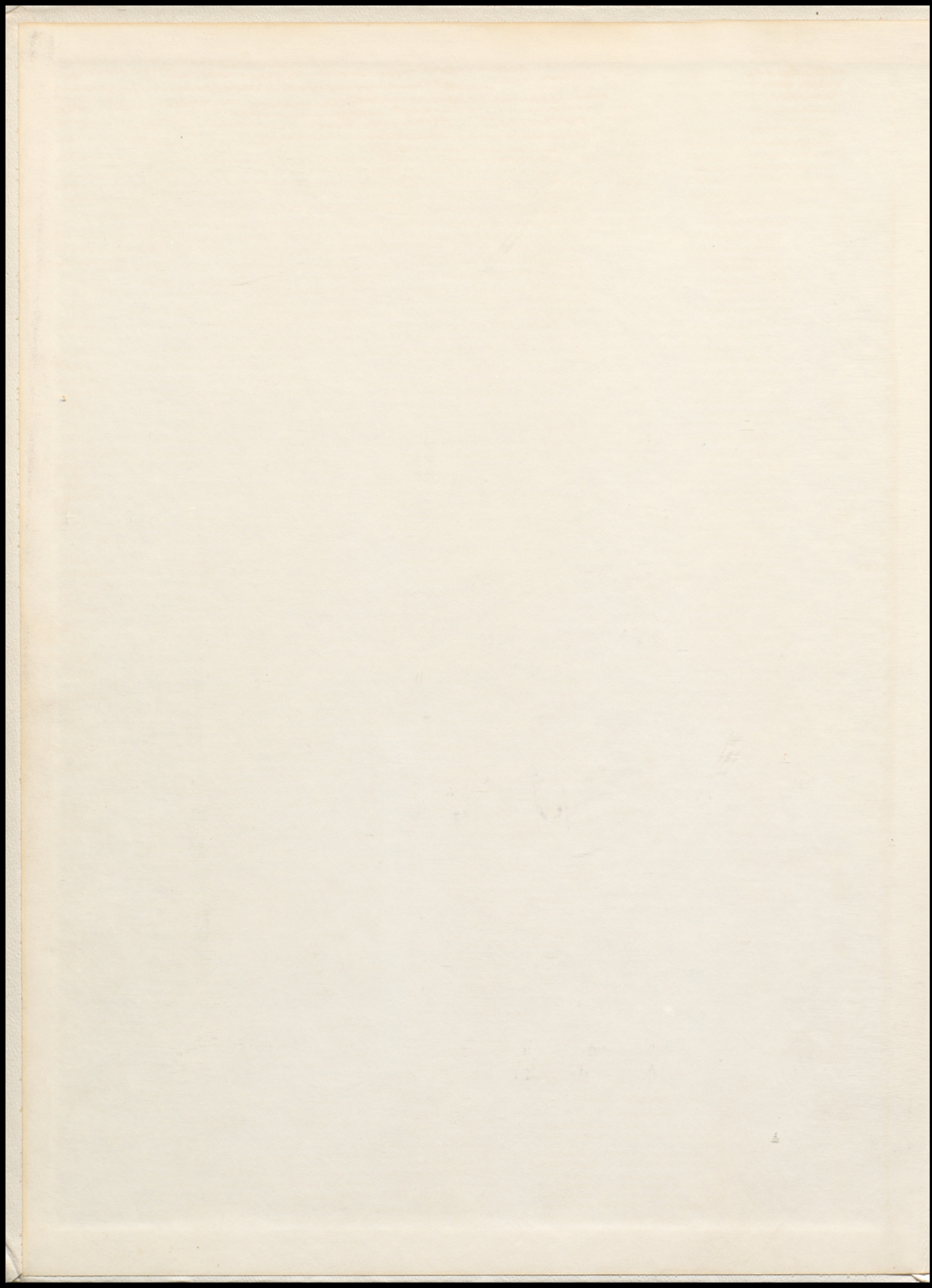
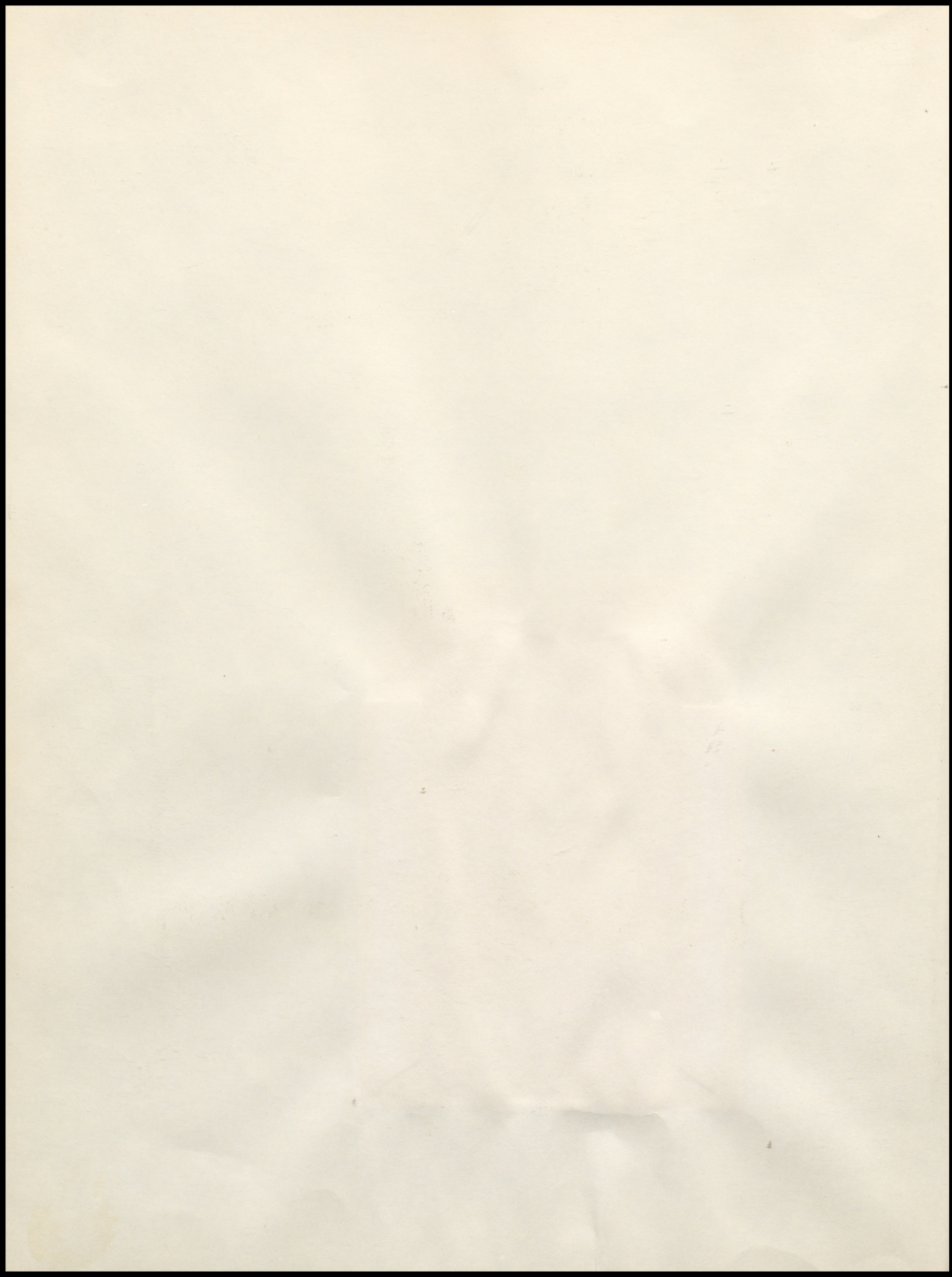








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A little bit of history, pictures, and Memories.

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ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF ALAMEDA HIGH SCHOOL

As

in all things there is a beginning. For Alameda High School, its beginning was in 1874 in a small room over Elbe's Drug Store, now the site of Walt's Men's Shop at Park and Santa Clara Streets.

With an unexpected enrollment of 80 students, A.H.S. moved to a three-story wooden building near the Old Haight School on Santa Clara Ave.

Combining the high school with Haight Elementary School in 1897 made the enrollment of nearly 100 students easier to handle for the seven teachers.

High School then in Alameda consisted of a three-year course of study for junior, middle, and senior years. Students took part in English, history, Greek, Latin, math, Civics, German, physics, and chemistry. One-third of all the graduates entered college.

Twenty-eight proud seniors walked through Principal Dr. A.W. Scott's office in 1897 to receive their diplomas. The graduation ball in June climaxed the Commencement celebration.



The Graduating Classes of 1897 and 1898.



A Diploma received on May 28th, 1884.



Principal of AHS in 1903, Dr. A.W. Scott.

The 1900 Baseball Team of Alameda High School.





Principal Scott's replacement in 1904 was Dr. George Thompson.

One of the first Class Presidents in 1906.



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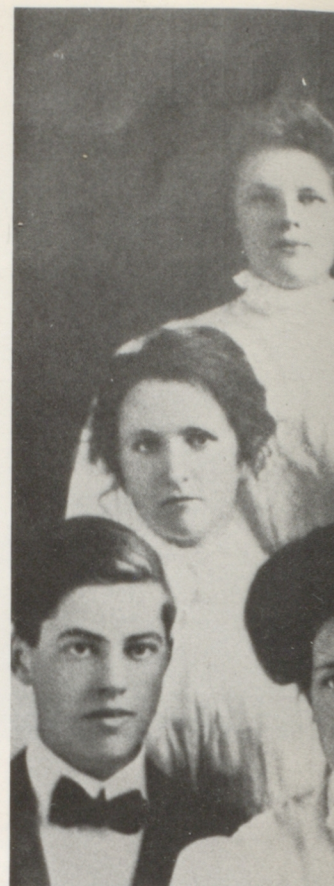
the turn of the century, the first school-sponsored activities began. Students were involved in a new era as football, baseball, track, drama, and other subjects were introduced into the curriculum.

By the early 1900's it was evident that a larger school was needed to house the ever growing number of AHS students. With the help of Alameda High School's student body, a school bond election was held, ending with spirited students celebrating the victory with a bonfire that evening.

In 1902 and 1903 the new Alameda High School, presently the language building, was built and dedicated. At that time, the total enrollment reached over 200 students.

Steadily increasing in size, Alameda High School's student body in 1904 had grown to 372 students with 12 teachers.

Dr. A.W. Scott, principal for 11 years, retired in 1904, having presented diplomas to all but 80 of the 550 AHS graduates up to that time.



Dr. Scott with the football team of 1901.



The 1907 editors of the Acorn.



One of the first school plays produced in 1902.



LeRoy Krusi
AHS Student Body President

His

replacement for the fall term of 1904 was a 31 year old scholar, Dr. George C. Thompson. During his time as principal from 1904 to 1939, enrollment increased from 372 to 1,000 students.

Alameda High School was developing as rapidly as the city. In 1902 Alameda was changed from a peninsula from Oakland Harbor to San Leandro Bay.

In 1904, the Alaskan Packers Association, then the largest salmon packing company in the world, selected Alameda as its winter quarters. With its new freight terminals, Alameda became an important shipping port on the Pacific Coast.



Alameda High School Faculty in 1911.



Eva Steele
AHS Student Body
Vice President



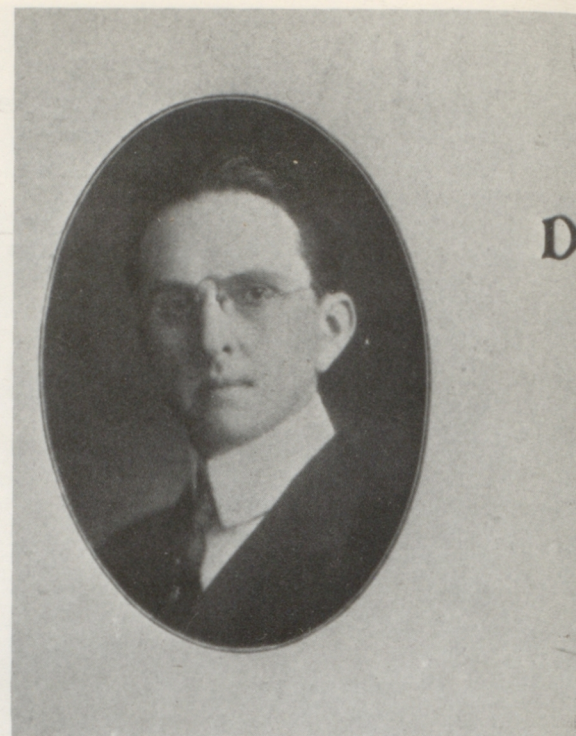
Girls enjoyed sports in those days, too.



The Class "Shieks" of 1910.

Alameda's football team in 1913.





The 1914 ACORN's Dedication page.

A big part of the entertainment in the second decade of the 1900's were the tunes that came out of the victrolas. Tunes like "Too Much Mustard," "Alexander's Rag-time Band," and "When you Wore a Tulip" numbered among the popular songs for high schoolers. "Class Shieks," like those of 1910, and "loungeizards," were learning to dance the "Argentine Tango," a bit daring for the teens of those days. But all wasn't "Wine and Roses," for in August, 1914, World War I began.

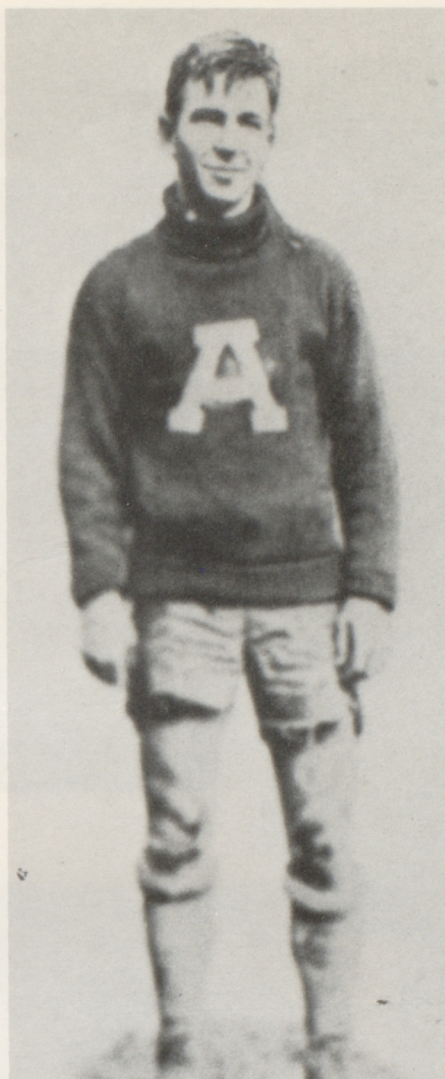
Coach Otto Rittler joined the AHS faculty in 1914. His German Military background not only put the rugby, football, baseball, basketball, and swim teams in winning form, but also helped develop women's athletics at Alameda High.

Also in training in 1914 were numbers of Alameda High School Cadet Corps, under the leadership of C.P. Magagnos, captain of the local National Guard unit. The cadets drilled with retired Civil War Rifles.

The All-School play of 1918.



To
George C. Thompson
 and the
Members of the faculty
 We, the Students of the
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 gratefully dedicate this issue of the
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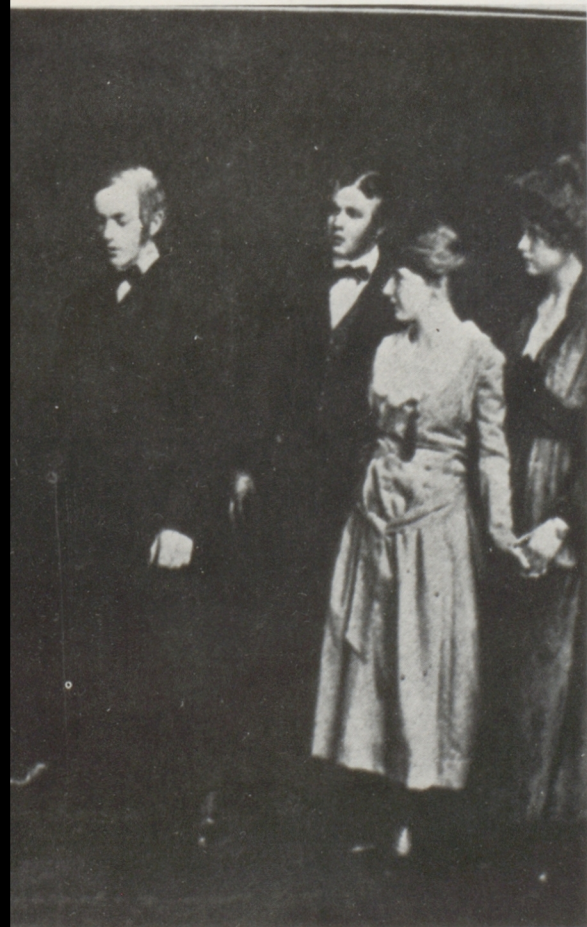
By the end of World War I, Alameda High and the world had undergone a tremendous change. In 1918 the ACORN was dedicated to A.H.S. graduates who had volunteered their services to the defense of their country. Citizens, realizing the terror of war, danced in the streets because the war to end all wars was over.

The educational process continued at A.H.S. Courses offered increased by adding home economics, industrial arts, and business education classes.

In 1917 girls had their fads too. They wore head bands of thin ribbon which went across the forehead and tied in the back. Dresses in the early twenties were mid-calf and girls wore long bulky coats with big pockets and collars. Some of the lucky ones even had coats trimmed with fur. Their hair was short and in soft feminine waves. Young gentlemen wore short pants, high-top shoes, pullover sweaters and brimmed caps.

Most students walked to A.H.S., some bicycled and still others took the street cars. A few elite though, did drive the family auto.

In the post war years more young men were becoming interested in the R.O.T.C. programs such as the marching band, the color guard, the rifle team and the many different platoons.



ALAMEDA HIGH BASEBALL TEAM
 w, left to right—COACH RITTNER, MOORE, CAPT. EDINGER, SHEPARD, M. CHASE, WARD, NEI
 Bottom row—A. CHASE, McNUTT, MULVANEY, PHELAN



Donald D. Lum's Senior portrait.

The early morning flag raising ceremony at Alameda High School is a proud tradition carried on by the Alameda High JROTC Cadet Battalion. The flag raising tradition was started more than 50 years ago in the fall of 1923 when the Alameda Cadet Corps was first authorized.

Every effort is made to carry on these traditions established by preceding JROTC classes and to formulate and refine the numerous events and competitions which are so much a part of a viable organization.

The JROTC curriculum, a flexible one, broadens the cadets' experience and provides them with a means of self-development. It stresses the importance of physical education and development, as well as good citizenship and self-discipline.

A variety of activities are offered through JROTC, which is now open for participation by the girls. Among these are drill teams, honor guards, rifle teams, field trips to local military installations, orientation flights in different aircraft, and various cadet social events.



The boys of the 1920 football team.



The Graduates of 1913 at City Hall.



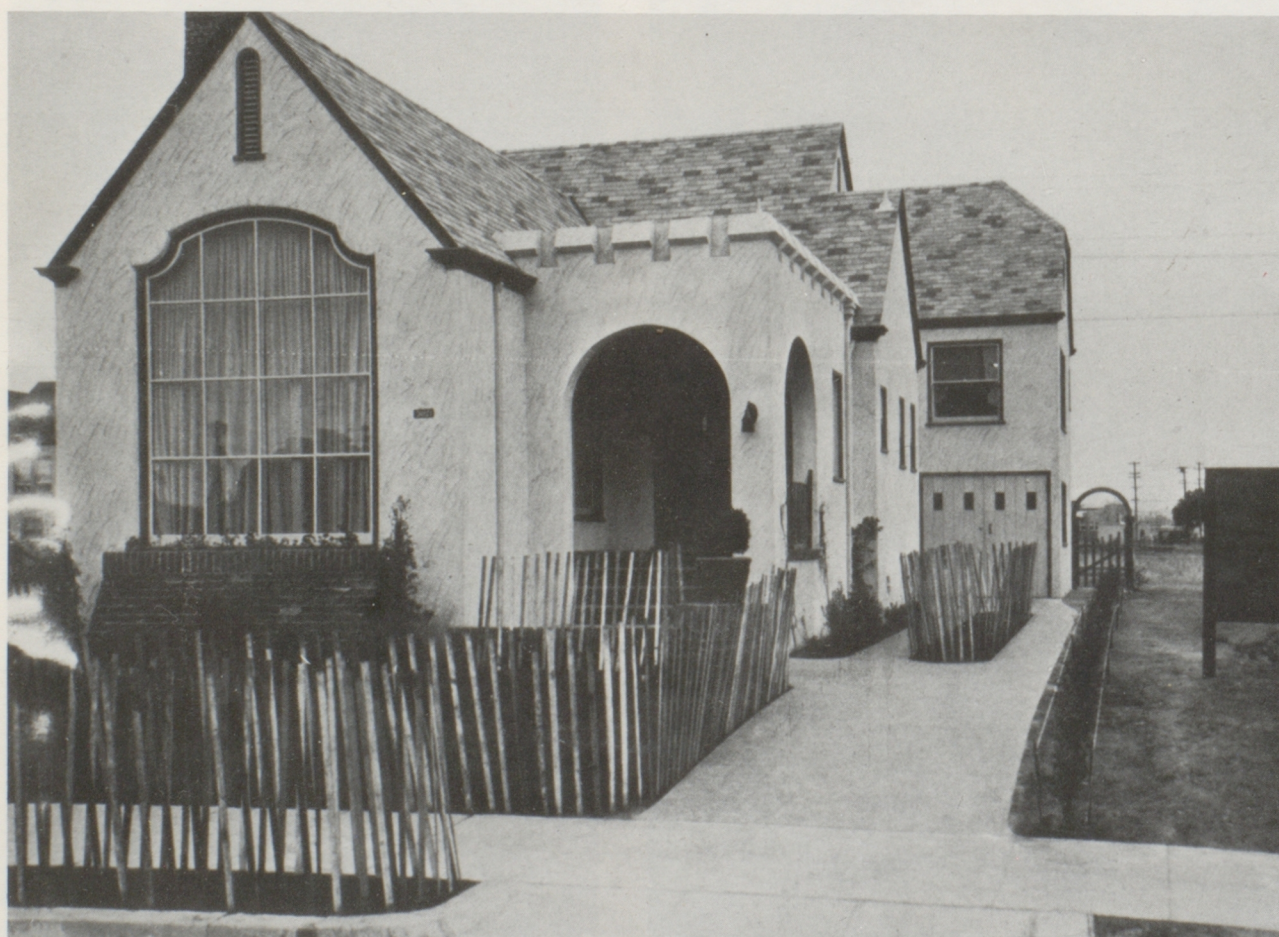
The Staff of the Acorn in 1916.



Coach Otto Rittler in 1917.



Ad Board in 1920.



The students of AHS in 1927 built this house by themselves.



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High School's most memorable occasion was the dedication of the present high school on August 18, 1926. Although the science wing was recently remodeled and the language wing rebuilt, the structure of the main building remains essentially the same as it was in 1926.

With the new school came many new clubs and organizations such as the Men's Block "A" which was started by Coach Otto Rittler. Other clubs included the German Club, Sword and Shield, Circulus Latinus, which was the largest club in 1930, and many more.

Wild-colored socks were the fad in 1926 along with baggy pants and pull over sweaters. Girls enjoyed large colorful bows and hemlines to the knees.

In 1930 Alameda High School's swim team captured the ACAL swimming title and recorded their most successful season up to that date.

In 1929, however, the stock market crashed and left many Americans in a state of panic. In the period following the crash, great numbers of families felt the rising unemployment rate. It was then that the city's Chamber of Commerce was organized to look over every part of the city's welfare.



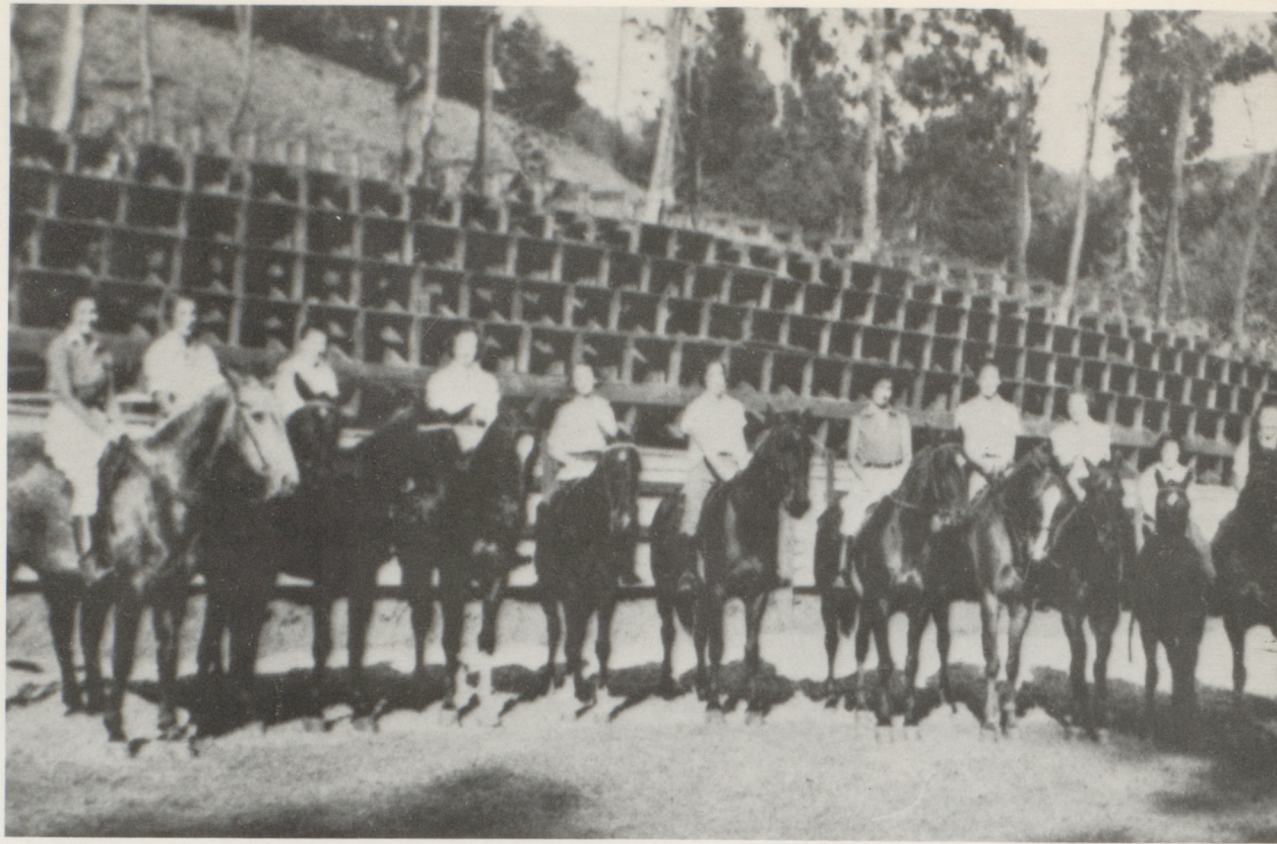
The Rugby Team of 1920.



Mrs. Adelaide Fisk, Dean of Girls 1928.



Mr. Willis Minium, Vice Principal 1928



Girls in the 1934 riding class of the P.E. department.



The 1930 Varsity Football Team.



"Men who wear the gold and white

Men who hear the call to fight
Battle now for school and right.

On to victory."

These words are the first stanza of the Alameda High School Hymn. Students sang it at the end of assemblies and always displayed loyalty for the school and city. In 1936 Alameda's loyal Ad Board voted 36-2 in favor of a strike because the new school board had discharged Superintendent William G. Paden. At this time the city government was in a complete upheaval. Two new city councilmen sought to change the school board and many of the appointed offices such as the city manager in Alameda.

A tremendous scandal took place during the ensuing year. On May 7, 1935, fists flew and threats became rampant at the city council meeting. The first thirty days of new city rule saw almost a complete turnover because the newly appointed city manager, B. Ray Fritz, dismissed reputable officials and squandered city money for his personal gain.

When he had Mr. Paden dismissed, the students decided it was time for a change. They walked out of their classrooms and conducted an orderly protest. They said they wouldn't return to classes until Paden was reinstated as superintendent. The entire town was now concerned and a meeting was held in front of the high school. Protestors said that the action of the city officials was "an attempt to obtain, control of the educational system, of our city for their own selfish ends."

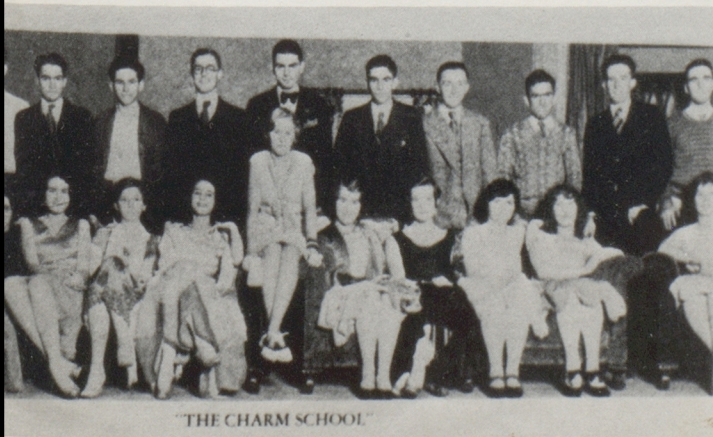
The district attorney, Mr. E. Warren, stated that Mr. Paden's contract was for four years and that the board could not dismiss him unless a breach of contract was acted upon. Paden was reinstated and students resumed their normal routines.

Soon after these trying political days, our nation was faced with another critical period in history. Adolf Hitler was uniting forces in Germany and Japan was preparing its attack on Pearl Harbor.



The members of the 1931 P.T.A.

Students gather at Alameda Police Headquarters.



"THE CHARM SCHOOL"

The All School Play in 1930.

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1940 student body administration started off under the leadership of president Robert Crown. Crown later went on to become a well known California assemblyman. He died in May 1973 in a traffic accident.

Crown's administration marked many firsts—more money taken in during football season than ever before, the first night football rally and the Oak Leaf, the school newspaper, was republished after 5 years' idleness. The A.H.S. student body also welcomed Matt Bryan as new principal and Lloyd Sisler as drama coach.

1940 was also a memorable one for the football team and its followers. The Hornets defeated the Berkeley Yellowjackets, 12-6, for the first time in 23 years, thus ending the "Berkeley Jinx." The team struggled through the following years, coming close, but never winning a league title. In 1950 they tied with Berkeley for the A.C.A.L. title. All county team selections included Phil Thormahlen, Wayne Raymond, and George Lagono.

The basketball team had better luck during those years. By 1948, Coach Hank Jones had led the Hornet Club to five A.C.A.L. championships in six years. The 1942 varsity baseball team also took the league championship.

The beginning of World War II brought many changes to the A.H.S. student body. Students and teachers alike enlisted in the armed forces, and the 1942 ACORN was dedicated to them. In 1943, Student Body President Dean Hamilton enlisted in the Navy and was called to active duty before his term expired. The effects of the War found 240 students in the R.O.T.C. program in the school. The 1946 yearbook was dedicated to the 75 men from the school who had died serving their country.

Extracurricular activities during those school days included dances, skating parties, military balls, and circus days. Penny loafers, saddle shoes, and bobby sox were the height of fashion. Gary Cooper and Greer Garson were the students' favorite actor and actress. Glen Miller and "Sentimental Journey" rated highly with the students as their favorite band and song respectively. Other favorites included Ingrid Bergman, Van Johnson, Dinah Shore and Bing Crosby.



Alameda's 1942 Golf Team.

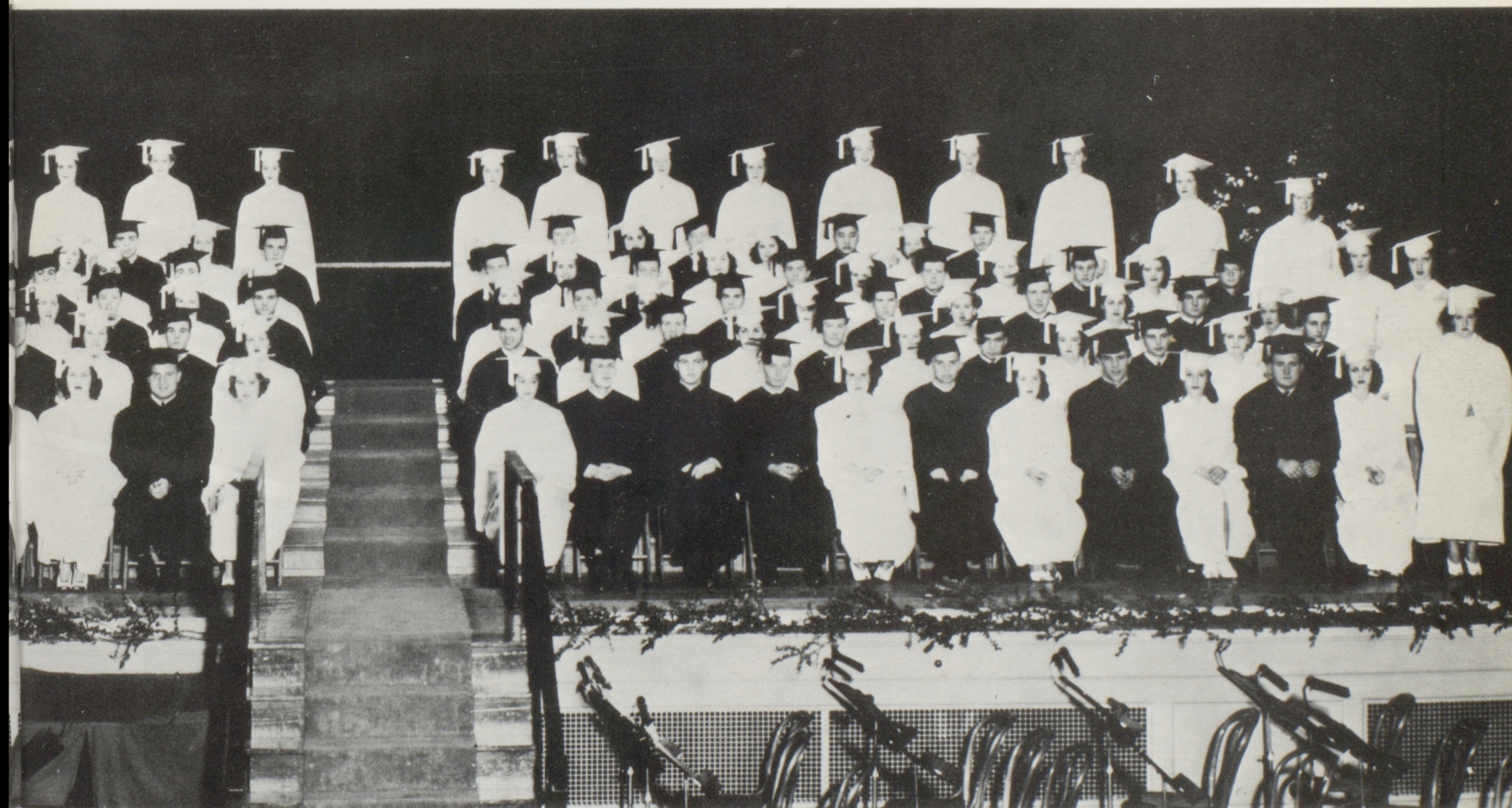
The January Graduating Class of 1943.

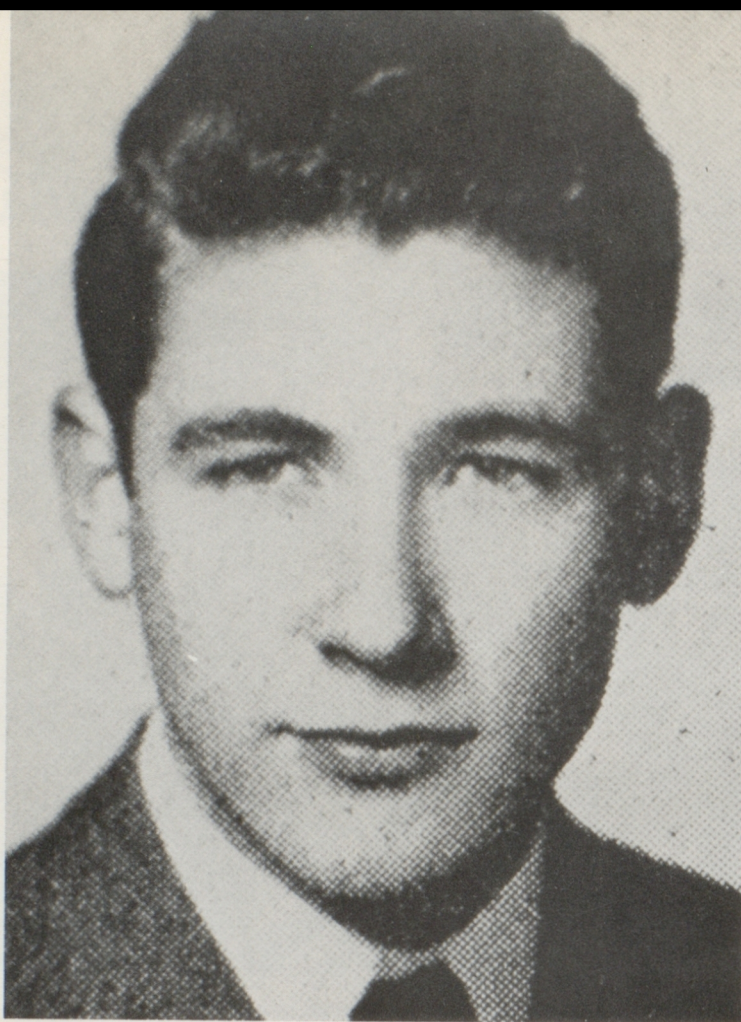


Senior Sweethearts of '42.



The 1940 Baseball team of A.H.S.





Barry Conner, Head Yell Leader.



Baseball players pose for ACORN Camera - 1944.

Emil Miland in 1948.

A.H.S. J.V. Football Team of 1945.





The 1945 Chess Club.

During the years 1948 - 1954 Alameda High students excelled in athletics and the theatre.

Coach Hank Jones' Hornet cagers captured five championships in six years, highlighted by the 1953 first place finish in the Tournament of Champions at Berkeley.

Outstanding performers included Bill Thompson, Sam Hitcher, and Willie Davis, all of whom were named All Northern California, All Tournament of Champions, and all ACAL.

With Mr. Lloyd Sisler directing the drama program, such top

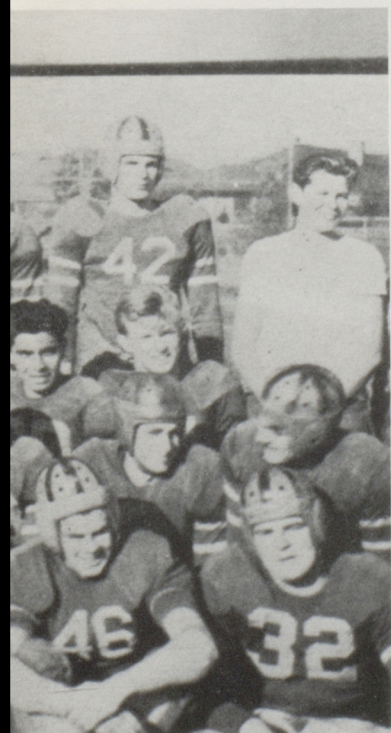
plays as "You Can't Take It With You," "Pink Magic," and "Father of the Bride" were performed by the students in the auditorium.

In 1951, during the Korean conflict, Principal Matt Bryan urged all students to stay in school and graduate, not to enlist in the service.

With the advent of rock and roll, many new dances became popular. Favorite television programs included "I Love Lucy," "Dragnet," and "Time for Beany."

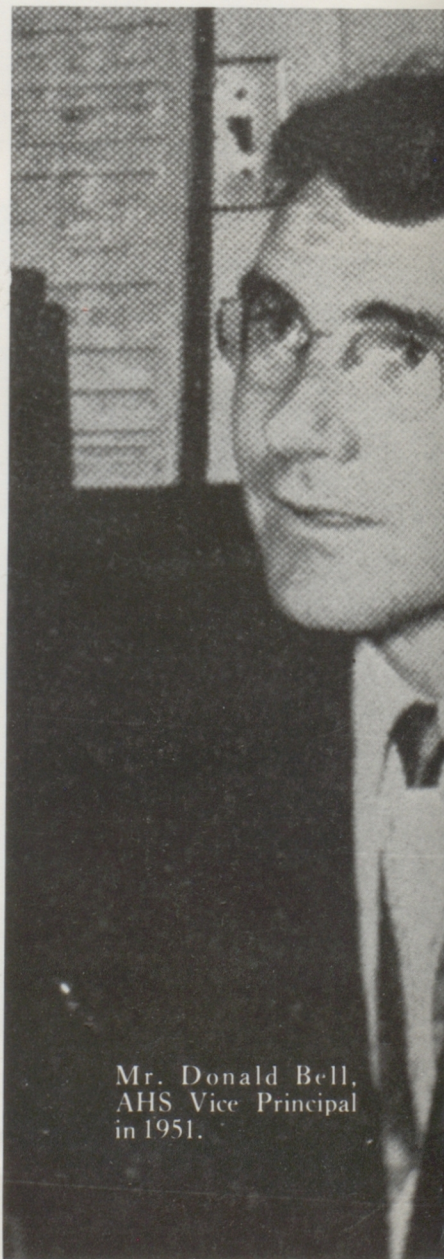
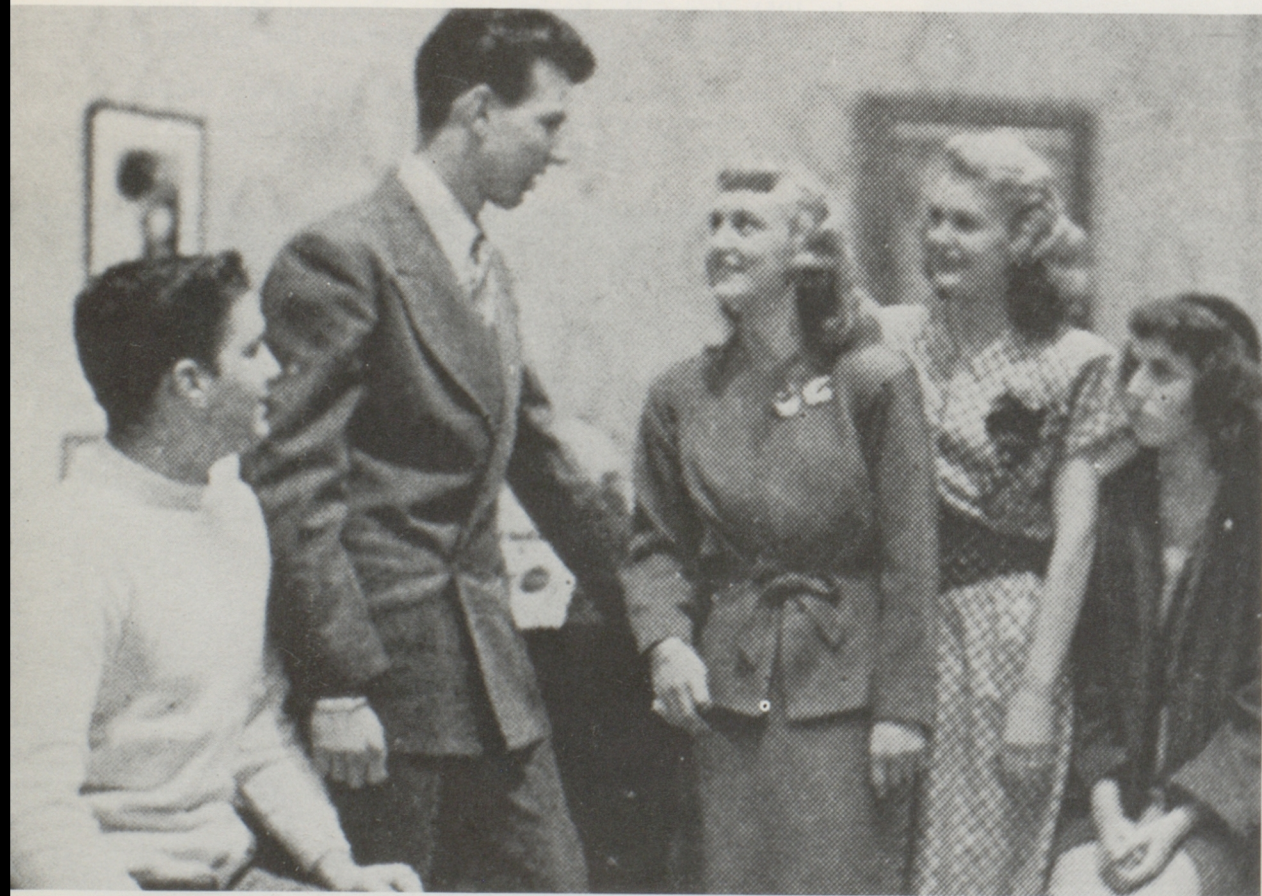


Ad Board in 1947.





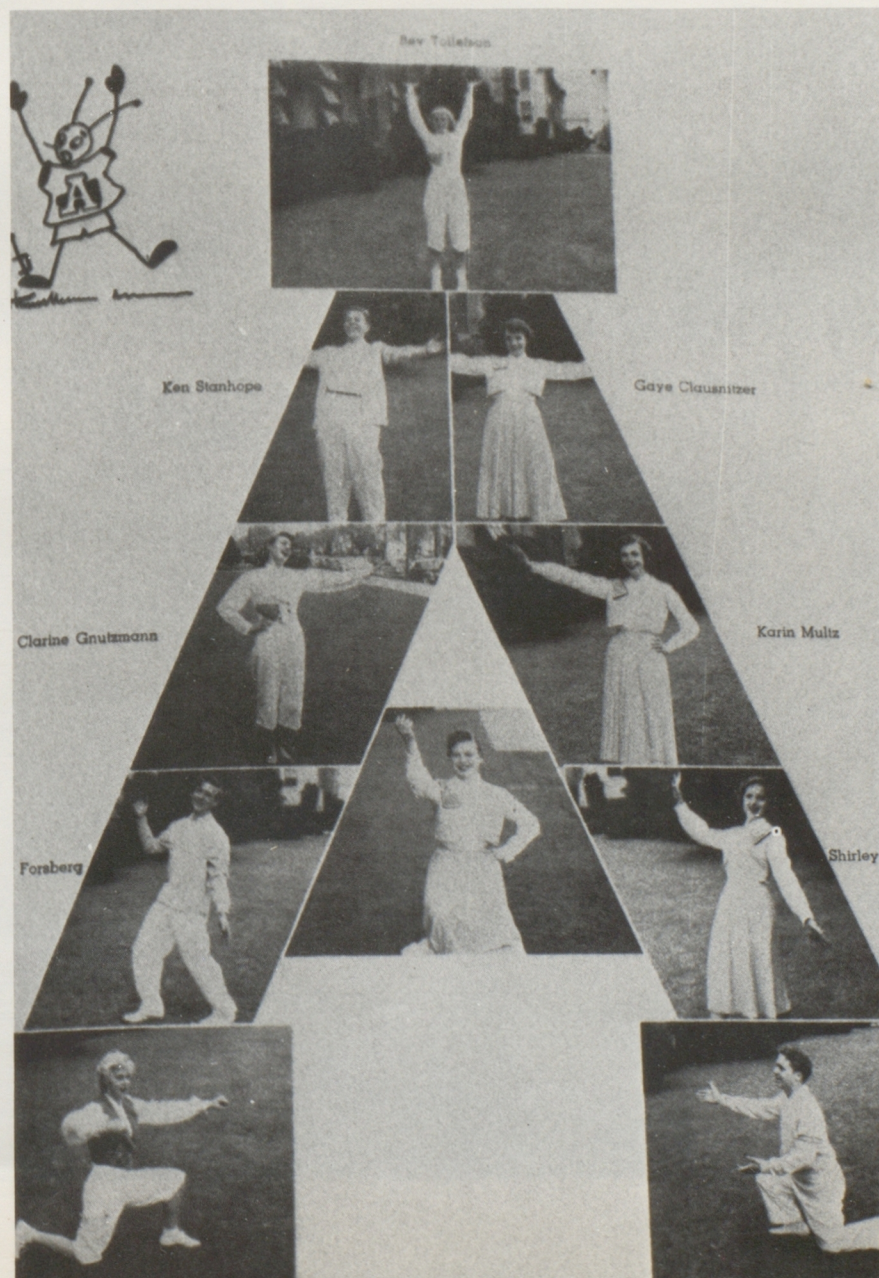
The 1946 ROTC Band of Alameda High School.



Mr. Donald Bell,
AHS Vice Principal
in 1951.



Students enjoy lunch in Cafeteria.



A.H.S. Yell
Leaders of 1953.



Alameda High's award-winning ROTC band.



Some of the English teachers who worked hard at AHS.

The Varsity Track team of 1955.





1953 VARSITY BASKETBALL

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35	Berkeley	33
55	El Cerrito	44
68	Hayward	41
56	Piedmont	53
58	Richmond	61
40	San Lorenzo	28
48	Berkeley	46
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42	Piedmont	37
45	Richmond	40

Willie Davis and Alameda's Championship Basketball Team results. Davis was picked as one of the top five prep basketball players in East Bay history by the East Bay Sports Writers.



1956



A smiling face and a happy word, is Mr. Mell.



The Spring Yell Leaders of 1962.



Members of the A.H.S. marching band.



Alameda's ROTC drilling on the front steps.



Mr. Lloyd Sisler listening to students perform.



Ad Board in 1964.

The 1964 officers of 'S' Club.





Chris Spier attending school at AHS.

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1955 AHS won its first undisputed football championship under the leadership of Chuck Butler. In 1956 Vice-President Ethel Rogers announced that Alameda High was the first school in the nation to win the National Safety Award eleven years in a row. Lew Jolley, Hank Jones, and Chuck Butler were hailed as great coaches in their fields of track, baseball, and football, respectively.

In 1958 the new west wing of the building was built and once during its construction, operations got out of hand and the neighboring classes had to be evacuated.

This was the period of rock and roll and high school life was greatly influenced by the new trend. Noon dances, hops, proms and balls attracted large crowds, even though records provided most of the music.

Junior sweaters were a big hit with the students. Sororities and fraternities were very much a part of the school scene, with names such as the Deltas, Dianas, Sub-Debs, Spartans, Alatheans, and Delthinians. Boys' hair was styled in crewcuts and girls' pom-pom outfits were way below the knee.

The football team performed before over-crowded bleachers and the halftime show was provided by the A.H.S. award-winning band.

1960 started Alameda's still-intact football winning streak over cross-town rival Encinal. Chuck Butler retired as head coach due to an illness, and his position was amply filled by Forrest Klein, who then led the Hornet team to an impressive 81-7-2 record during his stay. Bob Blomberg and Bob DeCelle excelled in their respective fields of golf and cross-country during 1963. DeCelle lost his life in Viet Nam and since then a memorial award in his name has been established and is presented each year to the outstanding member of the cross-country team. Chris Speier, shortstop for the San Francisco Giants, began his career at A.H.S.

Matt Bryan retired as principal after 18 years and Lowell Mell replaced him until 1964.

In the fall of 1964 Mr. Ralph Cioffi became principal and remained until health reasons caused his retirement in the spring of 1967.



The members of the strong varsity Baseball team of 1968.

Spring Ad Board in 1968.



The Junior Princesses





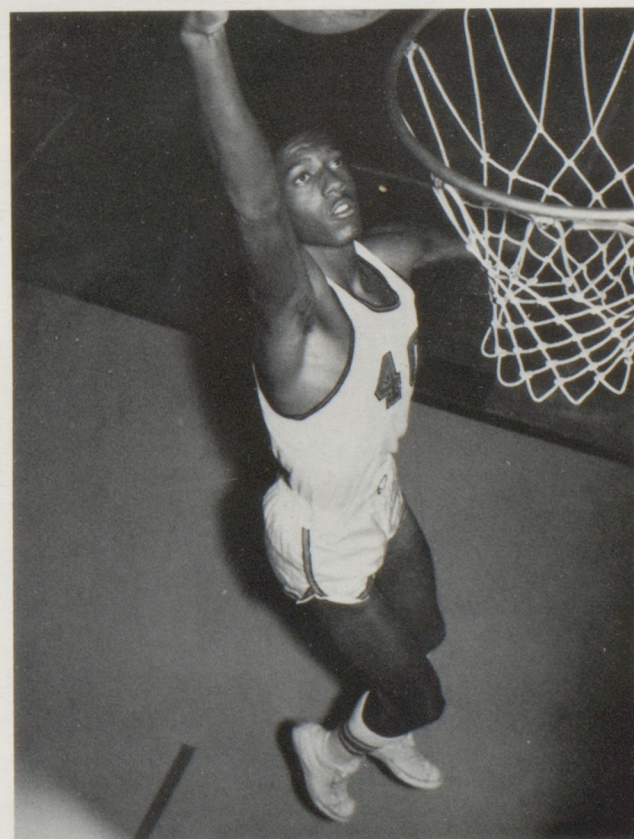
A.H.S. Principal Don Bell in 1966.

Junior Prom Court included Princesses Sandy McAtree, Vicki Salinas, Queen Tori Nahnsen, and
 ex Higginbotham and Shirley Schacht.



The Junior Prom Court with Queen Tori Hansen.

Dr. James Snell, Barry Conner and Mrs. Helen Hoeksema.



Stan Boyer, 1971, All-A.C.A.L. basketball player.



IN

1967, Alameda High School spirit was alive and thriving with new goals and a new principal.

With a sudden illness, Principal Ralph Cioffi left and Encinal's Principal Don Bell came to Alameda. Math classes, along with other classes, were changing from old programs to new. Computers took the place of teachers in recording the grades.

With the appointment of ACORN advisor Rick Gamble in 1968, AHS saw many changes in the school's newspaper and yearbook.

1970 brought on a cross-town exchange week between Encinal and Alameda High School students. Also that year Harry Paslay, the first boy ever to receive the title of head yell leader, was elected at Alameda.



Changes again appeared when principal Don Bell retired in 1971 after his 37-year career. Replacing Principal Harry J. Price he began at Alameda in the fall of 1971.

During the late 60's and early 70's the athletic teams won 35 consecutive games between 1967 and 1971 enroute to 3 A.C.A.L. titles. The boys' swim team won 9 consecutive championships from '63 to '71, the golf squad captured five titles, and the cross country team took two during the same period.

1973 was marked by Porter School's unfortunate destruction by fire, while A.H.S. students were notified of their eviction in June 1975, due to the California Field Act which requires that school buildings be earthquake safe. Plans are underway for a bond election November 12, 1974, to provide funds for the rebuilding the school at its present site.

Today, in Alameda's one hundredth year, the high school is proudly graduating the centennial class of 1974.



Pg. 28 Top: Homecoming Princesses and Queen in 1971.

Middle: The spirit of 1972 showed at a noon rally before the Homecoming game.

Bottom: 1973 Homecoming activities included more than just the crowning of Queen Rebie Rechina.

LEFT: The last A.C.A.L. Championship football team of A.H.S. in 1971.

Above: 1974 Principal Harry J. Price involved in deep thought.

Below: Homecoming activities in 1974 included Princess Mary Ann Pinegar and escort Steve Buncan.

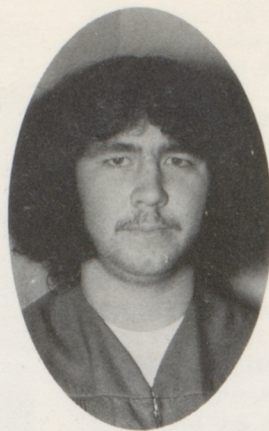




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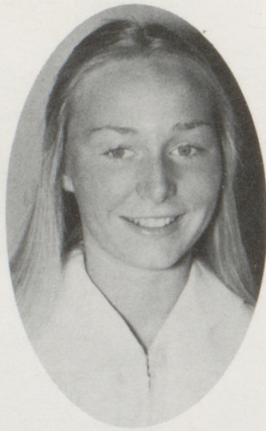
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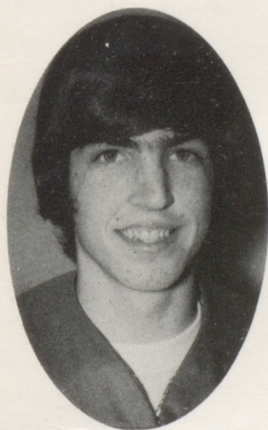
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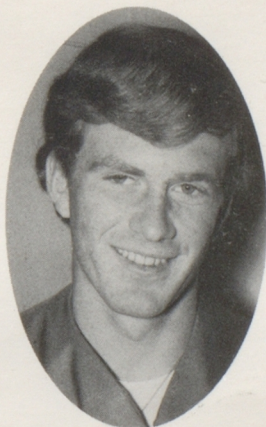
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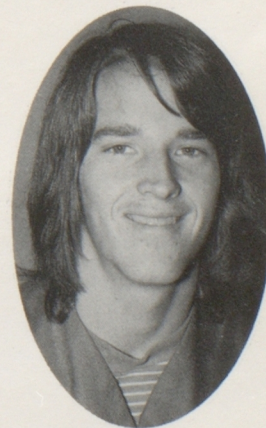
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